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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A latch mechanism, comprising:
an input member having a first input position and a second input position;
an output member having a first output position and a second output position;
a clutch, ~~said clutch~~ having a coupled condition and a decoupled condition,
wherein said coupled condition ~~permitting~~ permits movement of said input member from
said first input position to said second input position to cause movement of said output
member from said first output position to said second output position and said decoupled
condition ~~preventing~~ prevents movement of said input member from said first input
position to said second input position from causing movement of said output member
from said first output position to said second output position; and
a stationary blocking member blocking movement of at least one of said input
member and said output member when said clutch is in said decoupled condition.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in~~
~~which~~ wherein said stationary blocking member prevents said output member from
moving to said second output position.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 25 ~~in~~
~~which~~ wherein said stationary blocking member does not prevent said input member from
moving to said second input position.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in~~
~~which~~ wherein said stationary blocking member prevents said input member from
moving to said second input position.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 27 ~~in~~
~~which~~ wherein said stationary blocking member prevents said output member from
moving to said second output position.

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29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in which~~wherein said input member is rotatable about an input pivot between said first input position and said second input position.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in which~~wherein said output member is rotatable about an output pivot between said first output position and said second output position.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A latch mechanism, comprising:
an input member having a first input position and a second input position;
an output member having a first output position and a second output position;
a clutch having a coupled condition and a decoupled condition, wherein said coupled condition permits movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position to cause movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position and said decoupled condition prevents movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position from causing movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position, wherein~~The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which~~
said clutch rotates to couple said input member and said output member; and
a stationary blocking member blocking movement of at least one of said input member and said output member when said clutch is in said decoupled condition.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 31 ~~in which~~wherein said clutch is pivotably mounted to said at least one of said input member and said output member.

33. (CANCELLED)

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in which~~wherein said input member is connectable to an inside door handle.

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35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 ~~in~~ ~~which~~ wherein said input member is connectable to an outside door handle.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 35 wherein in a coupled state, said clutch translates upon movement of said input member between said first input position and said second input position to actuate said output member.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The latch mechanism of Claim 24 wherein said stationary blocking member is fixed against movement relative to at least one of a latch and a vehicle chassis.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A latch mechanism comprising:
an input member having a first input position and a second input position;
an output member having a first output position and a second output position;
a clutch, ~~said clutch~~ having a coupled condition and a decoupled condition,
wherein said coupled condition ~~permitting~~ permits movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position to cause movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position and said decoupled condition ~~preventing~~ prevents movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position from causing movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position, said clutch being rotatable between said coupled and said decoupled position; and
a blocking member blocking movement of at least one of said input member and said output member when said clutch is in said decoupled condition.

39. (NEW) The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 further including a transmission path between said input member and said output member, wherein said clutch is provided in said transmission path.